

Omar Jahwar



Omar Jahwar tackles the politics and issues that affect inner city youth and communities in the Dallas. He takes a unique approach to youth intervention services, through commandeering neighborhood heroes “Urban Specialists” and utilizing their experiences in that lifestyle to get a strong message of action and consequences across to neighborhoods that are at risk.

Emerging as an important leader and outspoken voice in the community, he is the founder of Urban Specialists, through FMC Inc., a life shaping entity designed to assist the social sculpting of inner city culture. Urban Specialists presently provides counseling and mentoring services in the Dallas Independent School District and the surrounding civic areas.

Mr. Jahwar was instrumental in creating Dallas’ first Violence Free Zone (VFZ), a concept developed by Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) originator Robert Woodson. Based on the philosophy that crime and violence can be prevented by transforming the thoughts and perceptions of individuals who participate in crime and violence, The Urban Specialist’s track record is proof that with early and positive intervention and value reinforcement youth can be deterred from crime and violence.

The first person to hold a recognized position within the State of Texas as Gang Interventionist, and a congressional speaker on grassroots solutions to youth crime, Mr. Jahwar spearheaded the first gang truce in Dallas between the “Crips” and “Bloods” in 2000. Mr Jahwar has also addressed a Russian delegation in St. Petersburg, Russia in December 2002 on the issue of youth violence. He recently trained the U.S. Justice Department officials and Washington D.C. principals on this important topic.

He is the recipient of numerous accolades and awards including, but not limited to:

- ◆ 2009 NEI Local Hero Award Recipient
- ◆ 2009 Panelist Speaker for African American Healthy Marriage Initiative, Research to Practice Conference
- ◆ 2008 Panelist Speaker for Ms. Bush’s Regional Conference Helping America’s Youth
- ◆ 2007 Keynote Speaker – Mentoring Program Regional Training for US Dept. of Education
- ◆ 2005 Award Recipient for Crime and Safety – “Let Justice Role On Like A River”
- ◆ “Key” to the city of Dallas in recognition for work in juvenile crime prevention
- ◆ White House Award for Achievement Against the Odds
- ◆ Accommodations from Dallas Mayor, Ron Kirk, for work in the community
- ◆ “Black History Minute” Honoree, KRLD News Radio1080
- ◆ A grant recipient from the City of Dallas for youth crime initiatives

In addition to his community activism, Omar Jahwar is currently the senior Pastor of Kingdom Worship and Restoration church, a thriving urban ministry in the southern sector of Dallas TX. Pastor Jahwar is a devoted husband and father of 4 beautiful children.